



Veterans Day

Week of Nov. 7, 2007 – Nov. 13, 2007

A day to honor and recognize American servicemembers – veterans – past and present

This year on Nov. 11, our nation pauses on Veterans Day to remember those who have given so much in the defense of our American freedoms and ideals. Members of our United States Armed Forces have answered the call to serve and defend our great nation – and this day is the time to thank them for their service.

Here are some Veterans Day facts:

- World War I ended on Nov. 11, 1918. On the same date three years later an unknown soldier from that war was buried at Arlington National Cemetery. November 11 eventually became the date America honors all who have served the United States in war
- The original concept for the celebration was for a day observed with parades and public meetings and a brief suspension of business beginning at 11 a.m.
- This is the 54th observance of Veterans Day. In November 1919, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed Nov. 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day. On June 1, 1954, the name was changed to Veterans Day to honor all U.S. veterans
- Veterans Day and Memorial Day are sometimes confused. Memorial Day honors servicemembers who died in service to our nation. The intent of Veterans Day is to thank all servicemembers who serve, and have served, honorably in the U.S. military

This Veterans Day, let's reflect on the foresight, courage and sacrifices of our past leaders and heroes and remember the courage and sacrifices of today's Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, Airmen, and Coast Guardsmen, who are fighting for freedom and providing humanitarian relief at home and overseas. We also need to remember their families and loved ones who stand by their side and support them as they defend our country. Whether attending a parade, a memorial service or observing the day in private, please reflect upon and mark this occasion by saying "Thank you," to our veterans.

For more information about Veterans Day, see the Veterans Day speech at:

<http://www.afoutreach.af.mil/afspeakers/speecharchives/vet2007/index.asp> or visit the Veterans Affairs Website at: <http://www1.va.gov/opa/vetsday/>.

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